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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6896**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 429

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 2, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Headlight Use in Rain and Fog.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Becker

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill specifies that unfavorable atmospheric conditions requiring the use of headlights are to include rain and fog (current statute does not define unfavorable atmospheric conditions). Failure to use headlights during these times will result in a Class C infraction.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** By increasing the headlight usage requirements for vehicles upon Indiana highways, the bill could increase the number of traffic violations issued. Indiana State Police workload may increase due to increased citations for violators. Actual increases in workload are unknown.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Penalty Provision:* The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500, which would be deposited in the state General Fund.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** By increasing the headlight usage requirements for vehicles upon Indiana highways, the bill could increase local law enforcement workload to issue citations for violators. Actual increases in workload are unknown.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Penalty Provision:* If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees.

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana State Police.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:**

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